

Last week, Congressman Blumenauer and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Co-Chairs of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus, hosted the inaugural Neuroscience Caucus event. The briefing was organized by the Society of Neuroscience and the American Brain Coalition and highlighted how brain research is unlocking the mysteries behind Autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, PTSD, Parkinson's and Epilepsy.

Currently, one in three individuals is afflicted with a neurological or psychiatric disorder. There are now more people with brain disorders than all cancer and heart problems combined. From autism to Alzheimer's disease, from Parkinson's to mental illness, neuroscience research is the only way to stem this growing epidemic. Advances in neuroscience research are reshaping the landscapes of other fields, from psychology to economics, to education and the law, to how we make public policy.

The mission of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus is to build awareness of the intrinsic role brain research plays in understanding ourselves and our society. As a Co-Chair, the Congressman is committed to working on these important issues.